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SUBJ: PATRIA Y LIBERTAD GOES UNDERGROUND

1. SUMMARY. ROBERTO THIEME ANNOUNCED CLANDESTINITY FOR EXTREME RIGHT PATRIA Y LIBERTAD, WHICH HE INDICATED WILL USE ANY MEANS IT CAN TO FIGHT ALLENDE GOVT. LATTER WARNED POPULACE TO EXPECT SERIOUS TERRORIST ATTACKS, SOME DISGUISED TO APPEAR AS THOUGH THEY CAME FROM LEFTISTS. MILITARY SEARCHES FOR ILLEGAL WEAPONS OVER WEEKEND WERE REPORTED. ALLENDE REJECTED PDC PRES AYLWIN'S TERMS FOR "DIALOGUE." CARDINAL'S CALL FOR SOCIAL PEACE WAS HEADLINED, BUT WHETHER IT WILL BE HEEDED APPEARS DOUBTFUL. END SUMMARY.

2. EXTREME RIGHTIST PATRIA Y LIBERTAD LEADER ROBERTO THIEME, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE DEAD (SANTIAGO 1951), HELD PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 16 TO ANNOUNCE PYL IS NOW GOING UNDERGROUND AND WILL USE "ALL METHODS AVAILABLE" TO FIGHT GOVT. THIEME CLAIMED HE IS NOW ACTING CHIEF OF PYL, BUT THAT PABLO RODRIGUEZ AND OTHERS WHO TOOK ASYLUM IN ECUADOR WILL RETURN TO CHILE CLANDESTINELY. THIEME WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PYL YOUTH LEADER
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ERNESTO MULLER WHO WAS BADLY WOUNDED IN MAY 4 DOWNTOWN

SANTIAGO SHOOTING EPISODE (SANTIAGO 1951). CONFERENCE HELD UNDER EXTREME SECURITY CONDITIONS WITH BLINDFOLDED REPORTERS LED TO SITE BY CIRCUITOUS ROUTES. GOVT IMMEDIATELY ISSUED STATEMENT CLAIMING PYL WORDS CONFIRMED GOVT'S WORST FEARS THAT PYL MAY ENGAGE IN "CRIMES OF IRREPARABLE CONSEQUENCES." COMMUNIST EL SIGLO WARNED THAT A NEW WAVE OF RIGHT-WING TERRORISM, INCLUDING POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS, CAN BE EXPECTED.

3. ARMY REGIMENT IN ANGOL (MALLECO PROVINCE) SEARCHED LOCAL TEACHERS COLLEGE FOR WEAPONS JULY 15. NO OFFICIAL RESULTS ANNOUNCED, BUT EL MERCURIO CLAIMED A QUANTITY OF WEAPONS WERE FOUND. SUNDAY WAS APPARENTLY CHOSEN FOR RAID TO AVOID CLASH WITH STUDENTS. EL SIGLO REPORTED NAVY MARINES RAIDED A FACTORY IN CONCEPCION BUT ONLY FOUND HOARDED SUPPLIES OF DETERGENTS WHICH GOVT HAD NOW DISTRIBUTED. DEPUTY OSCAR GARRETON, HEAD OF UP-COALITION MEMBER MAPU, TERMED MILITARY ARMS RAIDS "A PROVOCATION OF THE PEOPLE" AND URGED ARMED FORCES TO HALT THEM.

4. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS JULY 16, PRESIDENT ALLENDE REJECTED PDC LEADER AYLWIN'S TERMS FOR PDC/GOVT CONVERSATIONS AS

"INSOLENT." GOVT HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED ITS DESIRE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS, PRESIDENT SAID, BUT WITHOUT PRE-CONDITIONS. ALLENDE ALSO SPELLED OUT GOVT ACTIONS TO ENFORCE ARMS CONTROL LAW, NOTING IN PASSING THAT 50 MACHINE GUNS DISAPPEARED FROM 2D ARMORED BATTALION IN WAKE OF JUNE 29 EVENTS.

5. BROTHER OF LT. JOSE GASSET, INVOLVED IN JUNE 29 COUP ATTEMPT, ALSO REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM AT PARAGUAYAN EMBASSY. FONMIN LETELIER ANNOUNCED PARAGUAYAN AND BRAZILIAN GOVTS HAVE GRANTED ASYLUM TO PERSONS IN THEIR EMBASSIES AND CHILE, ALTHOUGH NOT SIGNATORY OF POLITICAL ASYLUM CONVENTIONS, WILL HONOR ITS TERMS AND GRANT SAFE CONDUCT. HE LEFT QUESTION OF POSSIBLE EXTRADITION REQUESTS OPEN.

6. CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PRES LUIS PARETO ANNOUNCED HE WAS RETURNING EXECUTIVE'S ADDITIVE VETO GRANTING ARMED FORCES AN IMMEDIATE PAY BONUS (SANTIAGO 3090), BECAUSE IT WAS NOT GERMANE TO BILL TO WHICH EXECUTIVE SOUGHT TO ATTACH IT AND THEREFORE UNCONSTITUTIONAL. PARETO ADDED THAT HE HAD EXPLAINED THIS REASONING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO SERVICE CHIEFS AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO GIVE EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING TO ANY SEPARATE BILL. EVENING PRESS SAYS GOVT WITHDREW VETO TODAY, WILL SUBMIT NEW BILL. NAVY CINC RAUL MONTERO, MEANWHILE, ACCORDING RADIO REPORTS, SAID HE, LIKE AIR FORCE CINC RUIZ (SANTIAGO 3150), HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED ON GOVT STATEMENT DEFENDING VETO AND INVOKING NAME OF ALL THREE SERVICE CINCS.

7. IN WAKE OF VALPARAISO EXPLOSIONS (SANTIAGO 3149), NAVY AN-

NOUNCED SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES HAD BEEN INSTITUTED TO PROTECT ITS PERSONNEL. CARABINEROS ANNOUNCED A NATIONWIDE ANTI-TERRORIST UNIT IS BEING ORGANIZED. MEANWHILE, TWO BOMBINGS OF HOUSES OF POLITICAL ACTIVISTS WERE REPORTED, ONE SOCIALIST AND ONE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT.

8. DURING VIRGEN DEL CARMEN RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES AT NEARBY MAIPU JULY 16, RAUL CARDINAL SILVA READ IMPASSIONED PLEA ISSUED BY CHILEAN CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS FOR SOCIAL PEACE IN CHILE, REJECTING VIOLENCE AS MEANS TO RESOLVE DISPUTES. STATEMENT HEADLINED IN BOTH UP AND OPPOSITION PRESS.

9. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH SMALL IN NUMBERS, NEO-FASCIST PATRIAY LIBERTAD IS PSYCHOLOGICALLY AND PROBABLY PHYSICALLY CAPABLE OF CAUSING TROUBLE IF IT EMBARKS ON A CAMPAIGN OF UNDERGROUND GUERRILLA ATTACKS. IN THAT CASE, IT SEEMS LIKELY EXTREME LEFT MIGHT ANSWER IN KIND. IN ANY CASE, THIEME'S DECLARATION PLAYS INTO UP HANDS BY PROVIDING CONFIRMATION THAT SOME ANTI-UP ELEMENTS ARE MOVING TOWARDS VIOLENCE.
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